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MARVIN KALB, CBS RADIO, LONDON: IN LONDON THIS MORNING KISSINGER GAVE BRITISH PM WILSON A BLEAK REPORT ON CAMBODIA, CONCEDING THAT CAMBODIA IS NOT A VITAL INTEREST OF THE U.S. BUT STATING THAT IT WAS A VITAL TEST OF AMERICAN CREDIBILITY. ON THE FLIGHT HERE HAK HELPED DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH REFINING THE EVACUATION PROCEDURES FOR AMERICANS SHOULD THE CAPITAL FALL TO THE COMMUNISTS. NO HIGH OFFICIAL IS MAKING ANY PREDICTIONS ABOUT THE IMMINENT FALL OF CAMBODIA TO THE KHMER ROUGE, THE COMMUNIST-LED INSURGENTS, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT THE OFFICIAL MOOD ON HAK'S PLANE IS QUITE STARK. IT IS THE BELIEF HERE THAT UNLESS CONGRESS APPROPRIATES ADDITIONAL AID FOR CAMBODIA THE REGIME WILL FALL WITHIN A MATTER OF DAYS, WEEKS AT MOST.

NBC EVENING TELEVISION, CHANCELLOR: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER STOPPED OFF IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, TODAY TO DIS- UNCLASSIFIED

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CUSS THE CYPRUS SITUATION WITH THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER.

THEN KISSINGER FLEW ON TO EGYPT, TO BEGIN ONE OF THE MOST

DIFFICULT DIPLOMATIC TASKS HE HAS YET FACED -- GETTING A
NEW WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT WITHOUT
FURTHER ANGERING SYRIA, WHICH WANTS ISRAEL TO LEAVE ALL OF
THE GOLAN HEIGHTS.

CBS EVENING NEWS: NO MENTION OF HAK TRIP.

WIRES --

AP -- SCHWEID FROM BRUSSELS WROTE THAT HAK HEADED INTO
ELEVENTH MIDDLE EAST MISSION "AMID QUESTIONS WHETHER HIS
CHANCES OF SUCCESS WERE DIMINISHED BY THE PALESTINIAN
GUERRILLA RAID IN TEL AVIV." A LATER SCHWEID STORY SAID
HAK'S MEETING WITH BITSIOS WAS AN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE
CYPRUS CRISIS AND "LIMIT THE DAMAGE IT HAS DONE TO THE
NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE". QUOTED HAK THAT "U.S. WILL DO
ITS BEST TO FACILITATE A SOLUTION BUT IT WOULD NOT BE
PROPER FOR THE U.S. TO IMPOSE ITS OWN VIEWS".

UPI FROM BRUSSELS SAID HAK FLEW TO EGYPT FRIDAY ON WHAT
IS EXPECTED BE "TOUGH MARATHON SHUTTLE MISSION" FOR
AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. HAK, STORY SAID, MET
BITSIOS IN BRUSSELS, EN ROUTE, IN ATTEMPT TO GET TALKS
STARTED AGAIN ON CYPRUS QUESTION. BOTH MEN SAID THEY
WOULD MEET AGAIN LATER DURING CURRENT HAK MISSION AND
HOPED AT THAT TIME TO REPORT, AS HAK PUT IT, "SOME
SPECIFIC STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN" TOWARD RESUMPTION
CYPRUS TALKS. UPI ADDED HAK SAID ALSO HE "EXPECTED" TO
MEET SOON WITH ESENBEL, WITH SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAYING
MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE AFTER
MARCH 15. UPI SAID HAK MEANWHILE PLANS SEND HARTMAN TO
ANKARA "TO REPORT TO TURKISH GOVERNMENT ON HIS (HAK'S)
TALKS WITH BITSIOS". STORY SAID HAK'S LONDON TALKS
WITH WILSON INCLUDED CYPRUS.

UPI CONCLUDED: "A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID
KISSINGER AND SADAT WOULD SEEK TO CRYSTALIZE THE IDEAS
THEY DISCUSSED LAST MONTH FOR A SECOND-STAGE AGREEMENT...
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KISSINGER THEN HOPES TO TAKE SADAT'S PROPOSALS TO ISRAEL
SUNDAY, STOPPING ON THE WAY IN DAMASCUS TO TRY TO BLUNT
THE OPPOSITION OF SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD TO ANY SEPARATE
EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT WITH THE ISRAELIS."

AN EARLIER UPI FROM BRUSSELS QUOTED BITSIOS THAT HE
EXPECTED "SOME PROGRESS" BY THE TIME HE SEES HAK AGAIN
BUT THAT "NO SPECTACULAR RESULTS COULD BE EXPECTED".

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